

2023 CPAA CONFERENCE CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

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NISKU, MAY 1-3

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Edmonton Airport and
Conference Centre

WELCOME

Everyone has a story to tell, and your planning peers want to hear yours! We are looking for presenters' with new perspectives, solid best practices, and/or innovative twists to topics that relate to community planning and the successes and challenges that are encountered.

The 2023 Community Planning Association of Alberta (CPAA) conference is being held from May 1 – May 3, 2023 at the Holiday Inn and Suites Edmonton Airport and Conference Centre, Nisku, AB.

The conference is themed and titled **“Preparing for the Unknown: The Intersection of Planning and Politics”**.

This theme gets to the core of the CPAA's reason for being: bringing together planners, administrators and politicians from throughout Alberta, so that each might better appreciate and understand the others knowledge, priorities and perspectives. As we move forward from the pandemic, in an effort to revitalize the economy, there is still a degree of uncertainty of what the future looks like. The conference creates a space for planners, administrators and elected officials to explore how planning can help influence, shape and enhance our communities and municipalities.

You can expect this year's conference to cover a wide variety of topics that consider the impact and influence of both politics and planning. We encourage politicians, planners and administrators from municipalities across Alberta to attend and participate in the conference. We anticipate 200 delegates.

At the intersection of planning and politics is a nexus of influences, information and impacts. As such we encourage proposals from a variety professionals including: planners, politicians, engineers, administrators, landscape architects, developers, architects, builders, policy analysts, community advocates, journalists and students.

Potential Presentation Topics Include:

- From Planner to Politician – perspectives from someone who's crossed over
- Planning and Power
- Limits to planning and political authority
- Setting the agenda – how planning can support strategic priority setting
- Rural economic development and community building
- Planning in the rural environment
- Planning in low growth communities
- Engagement at the far end of the spectrum – Collaboration and Empowerment
- Your municipal planning framework – What is it? Why is it important? When and how can it be changed?
- Community change – Setting a framework or proactive action – what is a municipality to do?
- Knowledge is power – information that improves planning processes and where to get it.

How to Submit your Proposal:

Submissions must outline the following information:

- Title of the presentation, which clearly indicates the topic
- Name(s) of presenter(s), job title, biography, organization affiliation and contact information, including e-mail address and telephone number
- Presenter's previous speaking experience, including relevant speaking engagements
- Proposed presentation format
- Clear and concise description or abstract of the session, no more than 300 words in length
- A typical AV package will be available: screen, laptop, remote, LCD projector and mics. Please list any other equipment/ AV requirements.

The conference program will include a mix of plenary and concurrent sessions that are designed to appeal to a variety of learning styles and cover a wide range of topics.

Sessions may include panel discussions, workshops, mobile tours, and training sessions. Innovative approaches to presentations are encouraged!

All proposals must be submitted to the CPAA office at cpaa@cpaa.biz in a PDF format.

Access to a virtual presenter, and internet connectivity for videos should not be relied on and may not be available.



SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31, 2022.

Presentation & Workshop Formats

Proposal formats could fit one of the following:

Short Presentation

30-45 minutes in length, including 5 to 10 minutes for any questions and discussion (1-2 presenters).

Long Presentation

1 to 2 hours in length, including 20 minutes for any questions and discussion (1-3 presenters). May include interactive presentations, panel discussions and workshops conducted within the conference venue.

Training Workshop

3 hours in length on a particular topic (1-2 presenters)

Mobile Tours & Workshops

2 or more hours in length (1-2 leaders). May be walking workshops or involve transportation to local venues and attractions. (Please note the conference venue is in Nisku)

DO YOU HAVE A CREATIVE APPROACH TO PRESENTING YOUR TOPIC? PLEASE DESCRIBE IN YOUR SUBMISSION.

Selection Criteria & Review Process

The Conference Committee, composed of volunteers from municipal practice, private industry and academia, will review all proposals and selection will be based on the following criteria:

- The relevance of the topic to planning and to the conference theme(s).
- The consistency of the submission
- The Presenters' expertise, knowledge and ability to engage and challenge delegates
- The proposed session's fit within the conference structure

The Conference Committee may determine that a proposal could or should be presented in a format other than that proposed by the submitter. The submitter will be consulted regarding this option.

The Program Committee will work with the selected presenters to finalize their presentation time slot within the conference schedule and will share the final conference schedule with presenters as soon as possible. The schedule must be adhered to as it will be used to market the conference.

The Conference Committee will notify those who have submitted proposals of its decision by email by **January 18, 2023**.

Presenters

Each presenter or group of presenters:

- Must have their presentation, a summary of their presentation (no more than 300 words), a brief biography (no more than 300 words) and a photo submitted to the CPAA office at CPAA@CPAA.BIZ
- Presenters will be responsible for 100 % of the following expenses – travel, accommodation, non-conference meals and miscellaneous expenses. Approved presenters will not be responsible for conference registration or education session expenses should they choose to attend the duration of the conference.
- A presenter registration form and presenter contract shall be sent out to all successful presentation submissions upon confirmation by the conference committee. Presenters looking to attend the rest of the conference and/or education session must register, but at no cost.
- Permission to record and post the presentation is requested but not required.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Vicki Hackl, CPAA Secretary

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Or

Geoff Tiffin, CPAA Conference Committee Chair

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Reminder: you must submit your proposal in accordance with the requirements by December 31, 2022 in order to be considered for this year's conference.

CPAA thanks you for your interest in our conference. While we strive to include all proposals submitted, CPAA reserves the right to select those proposals that best reflect the conference theme and format.



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